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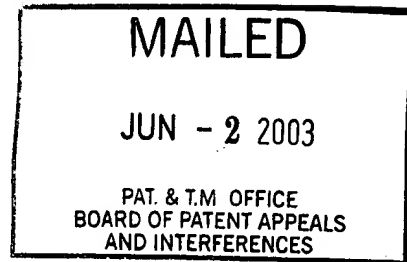
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JEAN FRANCOIS BENOIST

Appeal No. 2003-0657  
Application No. 09/733,041

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER



On May 7, 2003, appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Paper No. 19). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the IDS submitted or whether the examiner notified appellant of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be remanded to the examiner for: 1) consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (Paper No. 19); 2) appropriate notification by the

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examiner to appellant of such consideration; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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